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CLAIMS

- 1. An actuator for a pressurised metered dose inhaler, including:
 - a tubular section (38) providing an outlet through which medicament is in use inhaled; and
 - a nozzle block (42) including a tubular element (44) having a free end over which the valve stem (14) of a canister (2) is in use located and a spray orifice (50) in fluid communication with the tubular element (44) for directing a spray into the tubular section (38).
- 2. The actuator of claim 1, wherein the tubular element (44) is configured such that an outer radial surface thereof is a close fit with an inner radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).
- The actuator of claim 2, wherein the tubular element (44) is configured such that an outer radial surface thereof is a tight fit with an inner radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).
- 4. The actuator of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the tubular element (44) is of circular section.
 - 5. The actuator of any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the nozzle block (42) includes an abutment against which in use bears the distal end of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).
 - 6. The actuator of claim 5, wherein the abutment comprises a surface (49) which extends radially outwardly of the tubular element (44).
 - 7. The actuator of any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the nozzle block (42) includes a further tubular element (46) co-axial with the first-mentioned tubular element (44) such that

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the tubular elements (44, 46) define an annular channel (48) in which the valve stem (14) of the canister (2) is in use located.

- 8. The actuator of claim 7, wherein the further tubular element (46) is configured such that an inner radial surface thereof is a close fit with an outer radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).
- 9. The actuator of claim 8, wherein the further tubular element (46) is configured such that an inner radial surface thereof is a tight fit with an outer radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).
- 10. The actuator of any of claims 7 to 9, wherein the further tubular element (46) is of circular section.

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11. A pressurised metered dose inhaler comprising the actuator of any of claims 1 to 10 and a canister (2) including a valve stem (14) extending therefrom.